

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **September 10, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: **13**

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Amendment to City Code Section 27-67.3; Bow Hunting**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend Section 27-67.3 (a) of the City Code to include the Early Special Archery Season in the time when bow hunting of deer is allowed in the City.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has pointed out an omission in the recently amended Bow Hunting ordinance. The Early Special Archery Season (from the first Saturday in October to the third Saturday in November) was inadvertently omitted. Including the language as shown on the attached code excerpt will allow bow hunting of deer from the third Saturday in September through the first Saturday in January.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Code amended August 13, 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

CONTACT(S): Kimball Payne

ATTACHMENT(S): Code excerpt with proposed amendment  
Ordinance

REVIEWED BY: lkp

**Sec. 27-67.3. Bow hunting.**

(a) The provisions of Section 27-67 shall not apply when discharging an arrow from a bow for the purposes of deer hunting within the city limits during the Early Special Urban Archery Season, the Early Special Archery Season, the Full General Firearms Deer Season or the Late Special Archery Season, as designated in regulations promulgated by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, under the following conditions:

- (1) On land that is five (5) acres or more of contiguous area, and
  - (2) The landowner has applied for an annual permit from the chief of police to use his property for this purpose. The permit shall be granted by the chief of police or his designee if the application meets the requirements of this section, and
  - (3) The landowner has agreed to allow the City's Wildlife Management Specialists on his property to cull antlerless deer under the conditions of the Urban Deer Management Program Permit (DPOP) granted to the City by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.
  - (4) Any person discharging a bow as set forth above shall, at all times, while engaged in such activity, have in his possession written permission from the landowner to discharge such a weapon on his premises, and
  - (5) All hunting must be done in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rules and regulations of the board of game and inland fisheries, and
- (b) Discharge of a bow will be from an elevated position located at least twelve (12) feet above the ground.
- (c) No person shall discharge a bow from, over or across any street, sidewalk, alley, roadway or public land or public place within the city limits or toward any building or dwelling in such a manner that an arrow may strike it.
- (e) No person shall hunt deer in the city by use of dog or dogs.
- (f) Any person engaging in deer hunting must comply with any conditions and restrictions imposed by the chief of police as part of the permit. (Ord. No. O-02-124, 6/25/02; Ord. No. O-02-126, 7/9/02)



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 27-67.3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, AS AMENDED, THE AMENDED SECTION RELATING GENERALLY TO BOW HUNTING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That Section 27-67.3 of the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby further amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 27-67.3. Bow hunting.

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2. That this ordinance shall become effective on its passage.

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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